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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2003, for which a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time is enclosed herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and comments into the file of the above-referenced application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which being on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.